



What Comes After Graduation?

Congratulations! You have completed much of your undergraduate education, so what comes next? Going to graduate school? Finding your first full-time professional position using the skills and knowledge you acquired in school? Either way, here are some suggestions for you moving forward, and how ISPE can help.

Communities of Practice

Students and Recent Graduates benefit from joining the Emerging Leaders [Community of Practice \(CoP\)](#). This and other ISPE CoPs offer a great way to connect with the ISPE Community around the globe. You can join in discussions, learn about technical areas, and obtain information on new trends, issues, or concerns regarding your job search, your career, and various other topics of interest. ISPE CoPs serve as a knowledge resource, providing a wide array of materials grouped by technical focus, tips to help you and your company be more successful, share your knowledge and experience, and network with ISPE Members – fellow students, recent graduates, emerging leaders, industry professionals, regulatory and academic professionals, and more – who can help you identify interviews, internships, and get jobs. ISPE Members have created lifelong friendships, both personal and professional, with the like-minded people they have met through the ISPE community and the connections they have made.



Conferences, Webinars, Training, and Publications

ISPE offers many opportunities for education and knowledge transfer. All of these are available to ISPE members for free or at reduced rates!

- Attend ISPE [Conferences](#) to learn about the latest innovations in the industry.
- Join [Webinars](#) to hear from subject matter experts in technical areas as well as self-empowerment, growth, and career development.
- ISPE [Training](#) programs are available virtually, on-demand, or in-person and apply in-depth focus on various technical topics relevant to pharmaceutical engineering and manufacturing.
- Publications, including [Pharmaceutical Engineering®](#) Magazine, ISPE Update, The Link, [iSpeak Blog](#), and a newsletter for Women in Pharma, [The Bridge](#), keep you continually informed of industry updates, events, and other items of interest.
- Concept and discussion papers along with ISPE's [Guidance Documents](#), considered the gold standard in the industry, provide ongoing education and guidance on specific technical topics including regulatory and compliance updates, new innovations, and more.

ISPE Career Solutions

ISPE's [Career Solutions](#) site helps companies find their next great employee, and helps job seekers identify opportunities perfect for their qualifications. Post your resume so employers can find you. Peruse job postings to apply to. Reach out to your ISPE network to facilitate connections with the organization looking to fill the position(s). The ISPE Community has helped many students and recent graduates identify, and obtain, interviews and job offers! And once you are in your new position, use this [justification letter](#) to ask your employer to support your ISPE journey to help both you and the company achieve even greater success.

Mentor and Be Mentored

Obtain a mentor through the ISPE network or the ISPE Emerging Leaders Community of Practice, or participate in a [Women in Pharma®](#) Mentor Circle, small groups of people who meet several times each year, face-to-face or virtually, and are available around the globe.

There are more [benefits](#) and opportunities available to ISPE Student and Recent Graduate Members; we encourage you to visit [ISPE.org](#) to learn more.



“Mentoring is fundamental to personal and career development. It ensures important skills and knowledge are passed on within the Mentor Circle. Supportive relationships and friendships are formed. Mentors give objective advice and constructive feedback, are usually well connected within their arena, and the mentorship becomes mutually beneficial and personally rewarding for both parties.”

—Alice Redmond, CAI Vice President of Operations.